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August 4, 2004AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, as originally filed, please re-insert the following paragraph subsequent to the first paragraph under the heading "Description of the Prior Art" at line 25 of page 1:

In the prior art, various types of reproduction protection methods have been applied in fields such as CATV (cable television) and satellite television broadcasting. One method is to execute scrambling processing of transmitted video and audio data, and to insert a copyright code into the data, for thereby dividing the data into portions which can be freely reproduced and portions for which a fee must be paid in order to reproduce the data. When a program for which payment of a fee is necessary is received by a receiving apparatus, the program can be unscrambled and reproduced only if specified payment conditions are satisfied.